



# Steam Trap Monitoring Program Cedar Bayou Plant

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- Steam is one of the primary forms of energy used in the chemical industry.
- Improvements in the steam system offer plants the potential for significant cost savings.
- Recognizing the opportunity the Cedar Bayou Plant started to look for ways to reduce waste in our steam system.





# Size of the Opportunity

- Cedar Bayou Plant consumes approximately 1.5 million pounds of steam per hour at various pressure levels from 1600 to 50 psig.
- Nearly 7,000 steam traps.
- A 1991 survey indicated that 25% of the traps needed repairs.





# Trap Management Program Objectives

- Create an ongoing steam trap monitoring and repair program.
- Conduct a steam trap survey every six months.
- Store trap performance data and repair history in a data base.
- Have reporting and trending capability to provide savings and repair history.



The system that promised to meet these objectives was the TLV® TrapManager™ & TrapMan®







# Benefits of the Program

- Field device removes judgement from the technician and consistent results are obtained with little experience or training.
- Field data is uploaded to a PC for leak quantification, further analysis and reporting.
- Corrective action taken based on reports provided.



A photograph showing a tugboat pushing a large barge on a river. The tugboat is white with a blue stripe and is positioned at the front of the barge. The barge is long and flat, with some equipment visible on its deck. The river is wide and calm, with a line of trees on the far bank.



# Sample Report

## Master Log Report

1 of 115 100% Total:1263 100% 1263 of 1263

Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.  
Cedar Bayou Baytown Texas  
9500 IH-10 East exit 796  
Baytown, TX 77521

## Master Log Report

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Trap Count: 1,263 Group By: Area No: UTL-1092  
Current Annual Monetary Loss: 68,806 Current Annual Steam Loss: 17,201

Area-TrapID crash date	Model Name Trap Type Manufacturer	Application Priority Operation	Elevation Orientation	Connects Type Size	Condensate Rate Recovered?	Installed Date Months Use Insp. Freq.	Pressure B. Press. Set Temp	EnDay Day/Hr Sun Cost	Pressure Range User Code 1 User Code 2	Trap Location (Area Name)-Alias Name	Test Results Inspect Date Judgment
092-01001 03/01/2000	1811-400 BUCKET ARMSTRONG	Unspecified Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	SCREW NPT 0.75	0 No (To drain)	03/01/2000 24-36 6	400 0 0	24 365 4.00	300-600 Area 1 Unspecified	Beam S of GA-861 C (092) UTL-1092	GOOD 07/14/2002 Autom. stic
092-01002 03/01/2000	721 DESC YARWAY	Unspecified Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	SCREW NPT 0.75	0 No (To drain)	03/01/2000 24-36 6	110 0 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Unspecified	S side GA-807 (092) UTL-1092	BLOCKED 07/14/2002 Autom. stic
092-01003 03/14/2002	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Unspecified Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	WELD SW 0.75	0 No (To drain)	03/14/2002 0-12 6	100 0 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Mar 2002	S side GA-807 (092) UTL-1092	BLOCKED 07/14/2002 Autom. stic
092-01004 03/14/2002	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Drip Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	WELD SW 0.50	0 No (To drain)	03/14/2002 0-12 6	110 0 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Mar 2002	Inside GA-809 building (092) UTL-1092	BLOCKED 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01005 03/14/2002	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Unspecified Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	WELD SW 0.75	0 No (To drain)	03/14/2002 0-12 6	110 0 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Mar 2002	At P-111A discharge (092) UTL-1092	GOOD 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01006 03/01/2000	721 DESC YARWAY	Unspecified Important Continuous	Outdoor low horizontal	SCREW NPT 0.75	0 No (To drain)	03/01/2000 24-36 6	110 0 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Unspecified	At P-111A discharge (092) UTL-1092	BLOCKED 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01007 03/01/2000	1011 BUCKET ARMSTRONG	Tracer Important Continuous	Outdoor low vertical	SCREW NPT 0.50	0 Yes	03/01/2000 24-36 6	110 9 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Unspecified	N side Amoco meter bldg (092) UTL-1092	GOOD 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01008 08/04/2000	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Tracer Important Continuous	Outdoor low vertical	SCREW NPT 0.50	0 Yes	08/04/2000 12-24 6	110 9 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Unspecified	N side Amoco meter bldg (092) UTL-1092	LOW TEMP. 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01009 06/26/2000	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Tracer Important Continuous	Outdoor low vertical	SCREW NPT 0.50	0 Yes	06/26/2000 24-36 6	110 9 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Unspecified	N side Amoco meter bldg (092) UTL-1092	LOW TEMP. 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01010 03/14/2002	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Tracer Important Continuous	Outdoor low vertical	WELD SW 0.50	0 Yes	03/14/2002 0-12 6	110 9 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Mar 2002	N side Amoco meter bldg (092) UTL-1092	GOOD 07/15/2002 Autom. stic
092-01011 03/14/2002	FS3-10 FLOAT TLV	Tracer Important Continuous	Outdoor low vertical	WELD SW 0.50	0 Yes	03/14/2002 0-12 6	110 9 0	24 365 4.00	50-150 Area 1 Mar 2002	N side Amoco meter bldg (092) UTL-1092	GOOD 07/15/2002 Autom. stic

Pressure: psi  
Temperature: F  
Pipe Size: inch

Currency: \$  
Steam Cost: \$1,000/B  
Inspection Frequency: Month(s)

Condensate Rate: B/Ar  
Steam Loss: 1,000 B / Year  
Dollar Loss: \$/Year





# Documented Savings

- Program was implemented in 1998 and has identified poorly performing traps, equipment problems and leaks in the steam system.
- In 3 years, \$3 million in net costs have been saved.